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## New Elba school budget dips into reserves

by Ferrin Cox - Publisher

The Elba City School Board, in a special meeting last Thursday evening, approved a budget for the coming fiscal year which dips into the cash reserves for operating funds.

The total budget for the school system is \$5,764,311. This includes local, state and federal funds for instruction, administration, transportation, child nutrition, maintenance and capital improvements. Athletic and other non-academic activities are funded from gate receipts, etc. and are not reflected in this budget.

The "bare bones" budget takes \$87,342 from the cash reserve. This reserve will drop from \$83,600 to \$19,927... if everything goes well!

Superintendent Charles Pearce warned board members "it is going to get worse next year," even if a shortage of state tax revenues doesn't throw the schools of Alabama into proration. Next year the local system will have to fund the other half of bringing the salary matrix (\$51,000) up to state minimums.

Proration (if mandated) can only come from 13% of the budget, as the 87% which deals with salaries can't be touched. This means maintenance and utilities, transportation and travel must absorb any proration. The budget for the coming year only includes \$3,000 for employee travel, as opposed to \$14,700 last year. Pearce told board members, "we ain't going." He continued with, "We will tell folks to fax us the information from the meeting, as we don't have the money to travel."

Pearce said recent actions in Montgomery are forcing more and more of the funding of the foundation program (teachers) to come from local funds. For the coming

year the required increase in local funds from 7.5 mills to 10 mills generate an additional \$44,884. However, additional requirements from the state leave the local system with a DECREASE of \$23,629 in available local funds, according to the superintendent.

He warned that next year the system will be forced to not replace three of the five teachers expected to retire at the end of the year. Pearce explained they could have terminated some non-tenured teachers this year and helped the budget. He said

**Elba City Council will fund improvements for youth recreation**

by Ferrin Cox - Publisher

The Elba City Council voted recently to make improvement in the former Army Reserve Center to enhance the youth recreation programs.

Purchase of permanent basketball goals, improving the lighting and floors in the gym area of the facility at a cost of \$10,000 were approved.

The council approved the immediate installation of an air conditioning system to benefit the active youths and the suffering, supporting parents and friends.

Mayor James Grimes said several high school were still useable. The council approved Grimes' recommendation that these units be moved.

The council also gave approval for the purchase of a small trailer for the recreation department at a cost of several hundred dollars. The city clerk was instructed to get prices and buy the best one at the lowest price. It replaces a trailer which reportedly was worn out and couldn't be fixed.

they chose to keep these people because they are fine, qualified teachers and will be needed by next year. The dropping of the three teacher units will mean that next year the local system will not be in compliance with current law on teacher-student ratio, Pearce said.

Pearce explained there are only three ways to get out of this unpleasant financial situation. (1) is to reduce locally funded teacher units (cut staff). (2) is to raise local taxes and (3) is to increase enrollment... an additional 100 students are needed.

The present enrollment is up 25 from the same time last year and this will result in a gain of one additional teacher unit next year.

Pearce said he had no reservations that the schools could live within the proposed budget, but the only way to operate without cutting into the reserves was to cut staff.

The board also approved borrowing short term funds of \$40,000 until the state funds for the new fiscal year start flowing. They also approved borrowing \$60,000 of long term funds to finish the bus barn parking lot paving and the cost of installing two required new fuel tanks.



**SCHOOL BUS REAR-ENDED...** Shortly before 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, the call went out over the police radio that a school bus and truck had collided on AL Hwy. 134 approximately two miles east of the Perry Store Community. A pickup truck being driven by Bartlett Bowdoin collided with a Coffee County school bus being driven by James Hataway. According to a nearby resident, the bus had stopped and was waiting for a student to board when the pickup failed to stop striking the bus in the rear. The eighteen students on board were not hurt. Bowdoin was taken to Mizell Memorial Hospital by the Kinston Rescue Squad where he was treated for minor injuries and later released. His sister (name unavailable) was uninjured. Reportedly both occupants of the truck were wearing their seat belts. Superintendent Rodger Bowden was on the scene shortly after the collision to check on all those involved in the accident. The school bus, as well as Bowdoin and his sister, were enroute to Kinston High School. Alabama State Troopers investigated the accident assisted by Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies and the Ino Volunteer Fire Department.

## Coffee County BOE approves \$11,145,285.00 budget

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

A special called meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education was called Tuesday, September 23, 1997. The main purpose of the meeting was to adopt a budget for FY 97-98.

After Superintendent Rodger Bowden presented the proposed budget of \$11,145,285.00, board members approved it. Last year's budget was \$11,194,306.00.

Bowden stated that he felt that the new budget was a good one considering the added expenditure

(\$186,000.00) that has been brought on by salary matrix. Also included in the adopted budget is funding for three new school buses.

Coffee County schools completed this year with a balance of \$1,117,169 in the till. Projections for next year's end, at this time, is that the system will have a surplus of \$1,027,442.00 in its coffers.

In other business matters, the board approved the following:

\*\*\*Hired Theresa Ward as a physical education aid at Zion Chapel.

\*\*\*Brenda Wallace employed as an "at-risk" nurse at Kinston High and Elementary schools.

\*\*\*Awarded the bid for playground equipment at Zion Chapel Elementary School to Tudor Custom Recreation Equipment of Birmingham, AL. Their bid was \$15,191.00.

\*\*\*Approved out-of-state travel for the Kinston Band to participate in a parade in Bonifay, FL.

The next regular meeting of the Coffee County BOE will be held

Thursday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m. A work session will be held prior to the meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

## NEWS BRIEF

U. S. Senator Richard Shelby to address Coffee County residents at open, county-wide meeting. The Senator will be in Elba Friday, October 17, 1997, at 3:30 p.m. A county-wide meeting will be held in the council chambers in Elba City Hall located on Buford Street. Sen. Shelby will discuss his legislative agenda and other important issues facing Congress. Following the Senator's remarks, the floor will be open to questions and comments from those attending. All area residents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

## City of Elba set to observe Natural Gas Week Oct. 6-11

The Southeast Alabama Gas District will observe Natural Gas Week October 6-11 along with hundreds of other natural gas systems across the nation.

Natural Gas Week is a cooperative effort among all segments of the natural gas industry and increases public awareness of the advantages of natural gas. Natural gas is among the cleanest and most affordable fuels available.

"The employees and management of the Southeast Alabama Gas District are pleased and excited to be able to participate in this important effort," said James H. Smith, Southeast Alabama Gas District General Manager.

The Southeast Alabama Gas District will observe open house at each of the three divisional offices, Dothan, Enterprise and Andalusia. Open House will be held at the Dothan office Wednesday, October 8; the Enterprise office Thursday, October 9; and at the Andalusia office Friday, October 10.

Cookouts on gas grills, truckload sales, special prices on appliances and drawings for door prizes will highlight the activities at each of the offices.

The sale prices will be good in all fifteen Southeast Alabama Gas District offices for the day of Open House.

More information about Natural Gas Week can be obtained from the local Southeast Alabama Gas District office in Elba.

John Mancil, Marketing Director for the Southeast Alabama Gas District, joined Elba Mayor James E. Grimes in proclaiming October 6 through October 11 as Natural Gas



Week for the City of Elba.

Mayor Grimes is pictured above signing a proclamation to that effect as Mancil looks on.

The Southeast Alabama Gas District is a publicly-owned natural gas system serving 14 member towns and cities in southeast Alabama. Elba is a member city.

The proclamation points out the fact that the progress of this entire area is greatly influenced by the Southeast Alabama Gas District, making affordable energy available for homes and industries.



**WHA KNOTS GRAND OPENING...** Last Friday afternoon, Elba "officially" welcomed a new business. Wha Knots, located on the Troy Highway, had a "Grand Opening" with a ribbon cutting ceremony and refreshments. Pictured above are participants in the ribbon cutting ceremony. They are (l-r): Mayor James Grimes, Little Miss Elba Jessica Johnson, Junior Miss Elba Cammie Kelley, Miss Elba Elizabeth Strong, Elba Chamber of Commerce President Melba Hollinghead, Executive Director of Elba Chamber of Commerce Barbara Hudson, Herby McCall, Leland Floyd (owner of Wha Knots), Myrtle Floyd, Kermit Robbins, Pat English, and Louise Robbins.

## HAPPENINGS

**AREA FOOTBALL GAMES.** The Elba Tigers travel to Headland - kick-off at 7:30 p.m.; Zion Chapel Rebels are on the road against Lyman Ward - kick-off at 7:30 p.m.; New Brockton Gamecocks travel to Red Level with game time set at 7:30 p.m.; Kinston Bulldogs travel to G. W. Long with kickoff at 7:30 p.m.; and the Brantley Bulldogs play the Laverne Tigers in Laverne - kick-off at 7:30 p.m.

**VIETNAM VETS MEET.** Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. will hold its regular monthly meeting at the VFW in Daleville TODAY, October 2, 1997, beginning at 6:30 p.m. sharp. The meeting is open to the public. All veterans and their families are welcome. For more information call 598-8804 or 347-1426.

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.** The New Brockton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting Monday, October 6, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chamber located in New Brockton City Hall.

**COFFEE COUNTY BOE MEETING.** The Coffee County Board of Education will meet Thursday, October 9, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. in the board room in the Central Office located in Elba. A work session for board members will begin at 6:00 p.m.

**FALL FESTIVAL.** The Elba Elementary School Fall Festival will be held Thursday, October 9, 1997, 5:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Elba Elementary School. The Black & Gold Show will be at 8:00 p.m. also at the elementary school.

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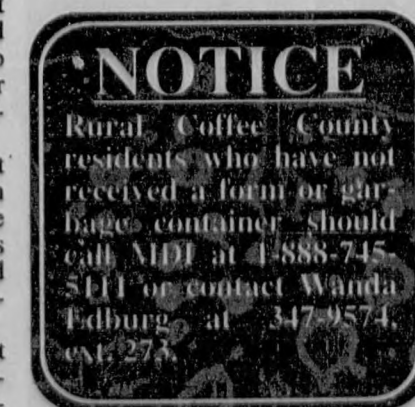
The test provided evidence that both were possible.

Authorities had placed a large roll of paper in the doorway to "catch" the bullet once it cleared the entrance. More than 200 yards of the paper had to be rolled off to retrieve the projectiles.

The conclusion was that if it penetrated the roll of paper that deeply, it could have certainly had enough velocity to have killed Williams.

Authorities stated that they will continue to investigate the incident looking into all possibilities surrounding the shooting death.

Anyone who may have seen or heard anything that may have been connected to this incident are being asked to contact the Covington County Sheriff's Department or the Opp Police Department.



**CLOSE CALL...** Dana Brister, 18, of 208 Morrow Village, Elba, AL, had a close call Monday morning when the van she was driving left the road, struck a utility pole and overturned. The vehicle, a 1996 Dodge mini van driven by Brister, was traveling north on AL Hwy. 87N when it changed lanes striking a trailer being pulled by a 1996 Ford pickup truck driven by Lamar Dozier, of Route 5, Andalusia, AL. Brister was taken to Elba General Hospital by a unit of the Elba Rescue Squad. She was treated and later released. Dozier was not injured. The accident was investigated by the Elba police Department.







## New Arrival



Sarah Paige Weeks

**SARAH PAIGE WEEKS**  
Doug and Ida Weeks of Elba announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Paige, on July 18, 1997, at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp.  
Paige weighed 6 lbs., 13 ozs. and was 19 inches long.  
First in line to welcome Paige was her sister, Elizabeth.  
Proud grandparents are Don Weeks of Elba, Madie Weeks, Opp; Bob and Martha Schadenfrohn, also of Opp.  
Great-grandmother is Della Mae Weeks of the Basin Community.

## Cain Reunion planned for October 12th

The 1997 Cain Reunion will be held Sunday, Oct. 12, at Pleasant Ridge Church, two miles south of Victoria.  
Lunch will be served at 12:30.

## Social &amp; Community News

## Miss Frankel engaged to Mr. Katzaras



Miss Frankel &amp; Mr. Katzaras

Mr. and Mrs. Lubin R. Garcia of San Antonio, Texas, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Alyssia Frankel, to Stefan Katzaras, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Katzaras of Lakeland, Fla.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Hill of Lakeland, Fla., and great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Whitman of Elba.

She attended Enterprise State Junior College. She is employed at Sears Roebuck in Lakeland, Fla.  
The future groom is a 1995 graduate of University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree in geology. He is employed at CF Industries in Hardice County, Fla.

Miss Frankel was christened into the Greek Orthodox faith on Aug. 10, 1997.

The wedding will be an event of Feb. 14, 1998, at five o'clock in the afternoon at St. John's Greek Orthodox Church in Tampa, Fla.  
All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

## Annual Nolin Reunion scheduled for October 5th

The annual Nolin Family Reunion will be held Sunday, Oct. 5, at Pleasant Ridge Church in the Victoria Community.

All family members and friends are invited, and asked to bring a covered dish.  
The reunion will get underway at 10 a.m.

## Mr. &amp; Mrs. Basil Whitman celebrate fiftieth wedding anniversary

Mary and Basil Whitman of Elba celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 14.  
They were honored with a beautiful reception given by their children, Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Hill of Lakeland, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. James H. Harper of Ardmore, Okla.  
Dorothe Hill, daughter, and her husband, Dr. Raymond Hill; James H. (Jimmy) Harper, son, and his wife, Dixie Harper, and grandchildren, James Harper Jr., Ramona Knighton Joseph Hill and his wife Kathy Hill.



## Sisters celebrate birthdays

Codi Houchin celebrated her third birthday Sept. 28 with a "Winnie the Pooh" party.  
Ciara Grant will celebrate her ninth birthday Oct. 11 with a night at the county fair.

Both girls are the daughters of Phillip and Debbie (Waldon) Houchin, of Cushing, Texas.

Grandparents are Bill and Barbara Waldon of Elba; Frances and the late Dennis Fountain of Cushing, Texas; and Claude and Vera Houchin of Baton Rouge, La.

Ciara is also the daughter of Mark Grant, formerly of Opp, and granddaughter of the late Gervis and Mary Grant, also of Opp.

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## When faith doesn't move your mountain (Part 1)

Faith is a spiritual weapon of the Kingdom of God. Eph. 6:16 exhorts us, "Above all, taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts (flaming missiles) of the wicked - personal assaults of Satan against the believers."

Before I begin this discussion, we must first recognize the fact that John the Baptist preached "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand." Before we can effectively use any kingdom principle, we must first enter the Kingdom of God through repentance. This is a trap that Satan uses against the minds of people. He wants us to apply kingdom principles without repentance. It is in this manner many are deceived to believe and hope for things they have petitioned God for, resulting in a denial from God because the first work of repentance has not been wrought. It is then that one becomes frustrated and begins to lose confidence in what God has said. He could and would do. The final result is one's total unbelief in the power of God.

Heb. 11:1 states, "Now faith is the substance (realization) of things hoped for, the evidence (conviction) of things not seen." In simple terms, faith is having (possessing) things without any physical manifestation of any evidence. When we have faith, we admit our helplessness and dependence upon God. When we say we have faith, we give God a release of our will to bring to pass the things we cannot. In other words, we die spiritually to the needs we cannot obtain. God senses our helplessness and intervenes on our behalf to supply the things we have believed to receive.

Since faith is a spiritual weapon of the Kingdom of God, we must then recognize the fact that faith is subject to the spiritual attacks of Satan, the enemy of our faith. When a believer exercises faith, Satan's kingdom goes into alarm. He intensifies his attacks to demote the faith of the believer. For Satan himself knows that for a believer to receive of God the things for which he has released his faith, his (Satan's) kingdom would be disgraced.

The most effective fiery dart of the enemy against our faith is doubt. Mark 11:23 states, "For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou moved, and shalt cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatsoever he saith." We must realize that Satan too knows the word of God and will use it against us if we're not aware. He understands the power of DOUBT.

## El Bethel Assembly of God to hold revival services

El Bethel Assembly of God will have Revival services Oct. 5-8. Times and speakers are as follows:

Sunday, Oct. 5 - 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. - Rev. Max McNab  
Monday, Oct. 6 - 7 p.m. - Rev. Gene Casey  
Tuesday, Oct. 7 - 7 p.m. - Rev. Mike Taylor at 894-2268.

## Homecoming to be held at Wise's Mill Assembly of God

Wise Mill Assembly of God will have homecoming Sunday, Oct. 5. Services will begin at 10:30, with Rev. Kenneth Hagler bringing the morning message.  
Lunch will be served at Noon. Everyone is invited to this special service.

Words of appreciation are so inadequate to express our gratitude and thanks for your support to our family during the time of Percy's illness. We have always felt your love, prayers and concern surrounding us. Our special thanks for the food, flowers, calls, visits and cards, they gave us much encouragement. We love you all and ask for your continued prayers and support.

*The family of Percy Dyes*

<b>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.</b> HOUR OF TRUTH - WELB 12:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Sun. Rev. Jesus Rodgers	<b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY</b> - J.E. Wells Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Kinston</b> - Danny Bradshaw Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD - CHURCH</b> - J.E. Wells Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>MULBERRY HILLS CHURCH</b> - Rev. Walter Banks Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> - Rev. J.C. Turner Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.
<b>ALBERTSON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> - Rev. Billy J. Reid Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> - Billy J. Reid Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS - Joe B. Grimes-Patterson</b> Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> - Rev. J.E. Wells Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>MARY SEAVE</b> - Mary Seave Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> - Mike Modley Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.
<b>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> - Milton Harrington Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> - Rev. Robert Paul Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> - Willie L. Peterson Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH</b> - Rev. & Mrs. Simeon Patterson Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION</b> - Mary Seave Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> - Raymond Miller Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.
<b>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST - Eddie Isaac</b> Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> - Marvin Ennis Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> - Shirley Ellis Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> - Greg Handley - Minister Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.</b> - Hiron, Linda Williams Sunday School ..... 10 & 11 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 7:30 p.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:30 p.m.	<b>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH</b> - Nathan Johnson Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.
<b>EROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH</b> - Robert Davis Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> - Marvin Ennis Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH</b> - J.E. Parks - Pastor Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH</b> - Rev. Kenneth Hagler Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>SHADY GROVE A.M.E.</b> - Rev. F.L. Flowers Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH</b> - Rev. Kenneth Hagler Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m. Sun. Worship ..... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Service ..... 7:00 p.m.
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## EHS Students Of The Month

by Vaughn Boyd, GSA Reporter

The Student Government Association is sponsoring "EHS Student of the Month." Each month, there will be a boy and a girl chosen from the Jr. High and Sr. High. These students are also recommended and will be featured on the Tiger Tales News Page and also in the yearbook.

September's Students of the Month are Valerie Moore and Timothy Andrews from the Jr. High and Amanda Campbell and Josh Lawford from the Sr. High.

Valerie Moore, a freshman at Elba High School, was nominated by Mrs. Karen Bowers. Valerie is president of Junior Beta and maintains an excellent GPA while participating in many extra-curricular activities. She is courteous, determined, and EHS well.

Timothy Andrews is a seventh grader at EHS and was nominated by Mrs. Pearl Amos. Mrs. Amos states that Timothy gives 100% effort in all he does and is a real joy to teach. He is an excellent role model for his peers.

Josh Lawford, a sophomore at Elba High School, was nominated by Mrs. Jimmie Rhodes. Mrs. Rhodes states that Josh is a young man who sets high goals and has integrity. He enjoys teaching him and he is an excellent role model.

Amanda Campbell is our senior "Student of the Month." She was nominated by Mrs. Julie Norris. Amanda is a very dedicated, hard working student. She always is willing to take on extra duties and responsibilities without being asked. Congratulations Valerie, Timothy, Josh, and Amanda! You represent

## Tiger Tales



### \* \* All Star Cheerleaders \* \*



Everyone knows Elba has a wonderful cheerleading squad. Some of us even know how much work goes into it; the bruises, bumps, sweat, and the falls are just a few things that accompany the hard work of a cheerleader. Well, it looks like all that hard work has finally paid off.

Two of Elba's best have been selected as All-Star Cheerleaders! Shannon Lott and Kerry Kelley attended UCA (Universal Cheerleaders Association) Regional Camp in Auburn, AL, along with the rest of the squad from Elba. They were chosen as All-Star cheerleaders. Tryouts require that a participant do two jumps (a Russian and a Healy), a cheer, crowd appeal, and a short dance, all learned over a span of 3 days.

Shannon Lott, the daughter of Diane Lott, and Kerry Kelley, the daughter of Judy and Lamar Kelley, were selected from Elba to be All-Star Cheerleaders. Once selected, the winner receives a chance to go to London and cheer in the New Year's Eve Parade, along with a trophy and gold medal displaying the All-Star Cheerleader and UCA logo.

In addition to receiving the honor of an All-Star, Kerry Kelley received an application to try out for UCA staff. If accepted, Miss Kelley will teach UCA camps next summer along with the rest of the Universal Cheerleaders Association cheerleaders. What a great honor for these two ladies from our home town. Elba is very proud of you!

### Third Graders Eat Dirt



Third-grade students are studying soil and water in their science classes. They are doing experiments and different methods of classification of soil to get a better understanding of "What's going on down under?"

The students learned that the soil contains air, water, and humus, the decayed remains of dead plants and animals. Humus adds nutrients to the soil. Students studied how earthworms and insects dig tunnels in the soil. To go along with this theme, students made and enjoyed eating "dirt" cake. They mixed instant pudding and put it in a cup. Each student topped it with graham cracker crumbs, a gummy worm, and a flower. "Showing off" the finished dish is Mrs. Gibson's class.

## Tiger Pause

by Jason Sasser and Twana Rodgers

For the past two years, Elba High School has had a school news show known as "Tiger Pause." This show airs during the last four minutes of first block class. Anchors, producers, and camera staff are members of the 1998 Elba High School yearbook staff. Margaret Calhoun, the librarian, is the supervisor of the show, lending her years of experience and creativity to the production.

In addition to producing a traditional news show, the Tiger Pause staff includes other projects such as 80's Week, new faculty interviews, school-oriented commercials and skits, and many other special events.

After a four week rotation, a new set of faces from the 1998 Elba staff appeared on the TV show and began the hard, but fun and exciting task of getting a news show organized that is informative and interesting.

## Editor's Corner

by Elizabeth Strong

The state has started a program called character education. Every week a theme or word is given and teachers are asked to stress that particular subject. Two weeks ago, the word for the week was compassion. Webster tells us that compassion is "sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it."

When I hear Helen Keller's famous quote, though, a different, more life-like definition comes to my mind. "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart."

By helping a needy family or simply bending over and picking up a friend's pencil, you can make a difference. Not only in their lives, but in yours as well. Winston Churchill once said, "We make

## Exploring Space: The Classroom Connection

Mrs. Shirlon Dye and Mrs. Michelle Grimes of Elba explored frontiers of space this summer during participation in the Exploring Space: The Classroom Connection program offered by the University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) and the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville in conjunction with NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, and supported in part by Eisenhower grants from the Alabama Commission on Higher Education and the Alabama State Department of Education.

Mrs. Dye and Mrs. Grimes are fourth-grade teachers at Elba Elementary School. Through participation in this program they received three semester hours of graduate-level college credits. The five-day course covered workshops and activities on astronomy, the micro-gravity, the impact of space technology, Microsoft in the classroom, environmental science, and other topics. In addition, these teachers trained in Space Shuttle simulators and astronaut training devices for a simulated Space Shuttle mission.

"This course is one of the first of its kind that allows teachers to take space science materials and experiments which can be shared with their students in the classroom," said Dr. John Pottinger, UAH program director. One of the many high lights of these teachers' participation was Mrs. Dye being chosen to receive the "Right Stuff Award." This award is given to the participant who best exemplifies the attitudes, motivation and qualities needed to be an astronaut. Approximately 350 teachers completed the course last year. Exploring Space: The Classroom Connection has been cited as an "exemplary program" by the U.S. Department of Education.

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Michelle Grimes and Shirlon Dye

## VICA Spotlight

by Matthew Farris

This week's VICA Spotlight focuses on Andy Daugherty, a senior at Elba High School. Andy is employed at the Big/Little on Highway 84 West. Big/Little serves many Dorey's and Kleiner's workers giving them a convenient gas and snack stop on the way home.

Andy's many duties at Big/Little include stocking shelves, filling drink machines, and other general tasks. Mrs. Melanie Paul and Mrs. Thelma Johnson served as head scientist and chef cook. All the students served as assistants, by measuring and mixing the ingredients, to make Rice Krispie treats. The class enjoyed eating and sharing the results of their delicious experiment.

## PALS Retreat

by Sha-Kira Stephens, Reporter

On September 13-14, 1997, the PALS class attended their first Leadership Retreat of this year. This trip was in Wetumpka, Alabama, at Camp Chandler. There the class had the opportunity to meet other students and perform in team building activities.

Not only did these activities provide learning experiences, but they also helped with decision-making. The students really enjoyed the retreat and are looking forward to the next big event which will be meeting their little buddies.

Andy Daugherty

## Elba Elementary School Menus

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Breakfast	Lunch
Monday - Eggs & Toast or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill, French Fries, Half Orange, Milk
Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Fruit, Milk	Tuesday - Chicken Fie, Butterbeans, Whole Kernel Corn, Roll, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Milk
Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, Half Apple, Milk
Thursday - Pancakes w/ Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Hot Dog, Potato Tots, California Vegetables, Peach Half, Milk
Friday - Teacher In-Service	Friday - Teacher In-Service

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## Senior Blues

When someone becomes a senior at Zion Chapel they almost automatically know that they will be required to cover a great deal of English literature. One of the first pieces to be studied is Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales.

Mrs. Sonya Shaw, instructor of English, divided the seniors into groups and each group picked different stories on which to work. In an effort to make this learning experience memorable, Mrs. Shaw gave the groups an opportunity to earn extra credit by dressing as characters from their individual stories.

On a recent Monday Zion Chapel was visited by King Arthur, an ugly old hag, a medieval knight and his lady, a thief, a peasant, a couple of puritans, a merchant, a carpenter, a cook with a nasty knee, and an assortment of other characters. Each costume was graded based on originality, character relevance, and character knowledge.

In order for the seniors to get the extra credit they had to remain dressed as their characters the entire school day. This activity was certainly a unique and educational experience for the senior class.

In addition to dressing in character, another activity of the Chaucer study was the opportunity to teach the class for one day. Each group had this opportunity. The teaching groups had to prepare for their presentations by making posters, giving demonstrations, making work sheets, reading the "Tales" carefully, and preparing to answer any questions that might be asked about a particular "Tale."

## JV Football

Two teams of Rebels, those from Zion Chapel and those from G.W. Long, met to play a JV football game. Zion Chapel had the ball in the first series of downs but failed to make a first down. In the first half the G.W. Long Rebels scored 30 points and the Zion Chapel Rebels had 0. G.W. Long had their way with Zion Chapel mainly because they out-manned Zion Chapel. They had 38 players to match Zion Chapel's 15.

G.W. Long wore the Z.C. Rebels down in the first half and Z.C.'s only score came on a 45-yard scamper by Levon Wheeler in fourth quarter. The extra point came from a pass from Josh McWaters to Levon Wheeler. The Zion Chapel Rebels fought hard but came up shy of a victory. The game ended with the final score G.W. Long 38, Zion Chapel 8.

## Senior News

by Brandie Mann

On Thursday, September 4, 1997, the Elba High School Senior Class of 1998 elected their class officers. Officers elected are as follows: Jake Cowen, President, Bruce Cole-Vice President, Andrea Carney-Secretary, and Julian Mitchell-Reporter.

The class also voted on its colors: Hunter Green and Ivory. Flower-Peace Rose, and motto: "A lone we are pieces of the puzzle; together we form a masterpiece."

September 16, 1997, Mr. Rusty Parker from Balfour came and spoke with the Senior class about ordering graduation supplies. We discussed the type of invitations we would choose and other types of supplies that could be ordered.

Mr. Parker will return on October 1, 1997, to pick up orders and a \$60.00 deposit. We are very excited as this brings us one step closer to graduation.

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## Senior Blues

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## Traffic Pattern Misunderstood

The flow of traffic on the Zion Chapel campus is still not as smooth as those who are on traffic duty would like for it to be.

When parents or other persons come in the north gate and stop somewhere on the front drive to let out their passenger or passengers, they are stopping in the middle of two traffic patterns and creating a safety hazard.

Visitors will come onto campus drive right by a "Do Not Enter" sign and park between two "No Parking Signs." The drive in front of the elementary and high school buildings is a one-way drive. A driver should enter the south gate, move north in front of the high school building, and exit through the north gate.

Another safety hazard is the speed with which some parents and other visitors drive on the campus. The speed limit is 5 miles per hour.

Visitors, parents, students, and staff members—wake up! Traffic safety is everyone's responsibility.

## Salute

Anna Miller, a sixth-grader at Zion Chapel Middle School, gets to do something that most sixth-graders don't! She is eleven years old and she drives a "mud truck." Her mud truck is named "Anna's Toy Daddy's Money."

Anna has been racing every other Saturday night since the first of the year. She has been an active spectator since she was about nine, watching her friends Blair, Jamie, and Amy Hurd race their trucks. After about two years of watching, she finally talked her father, Larry Miller, into buying her a truck of her own.

When Anna races, Larry rides with her. However, Anna does all the driving. Her mother, Terry, watches. Anna's grandparents are Willard and Olive Ray Martin. When Terry was asked if they watch Anna race, Terry said, "Just one time!" Anna races at the Coffee County Mud Track and she has raced in Caryville, Florida.

Anna has competed against men and women of all ages and has won twenty-seven trophies and even some money. Anna said the fastest time she has ever had was 4.88 seconds. This time was earned at the Coffee County Mud Track.

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## Williams Preps For OTC

Laura Williams, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State President and Zion Chapel's Chapter President, is preparing for the Officer Training Conference that will be held at Wallace College in Hanceville, Alabama.

Laura had to design a workshop that she must present at the conference. She will present the workshop to local officers who attend the conference. Laura's workshop has to be about forty-five minutes long. Laura recently practiced her workshop during her sixth period Business Principles class. The class is under the supervision of FBLA sponsor, Mrs. Rachel Bryan.

In her workshop, Laura has many fun activities planned. After an ice breaker which is designed to help people get to know each other, she has some impromptu speaking exercises planned. Laura will randomly pick somebody to speak on a subject which she will pick. The speaker will have a list for thirty seconds without stopping. The workshop will also cover Parliamentary Procedures, the responsibilities of officers, and membership recruitment techniques.

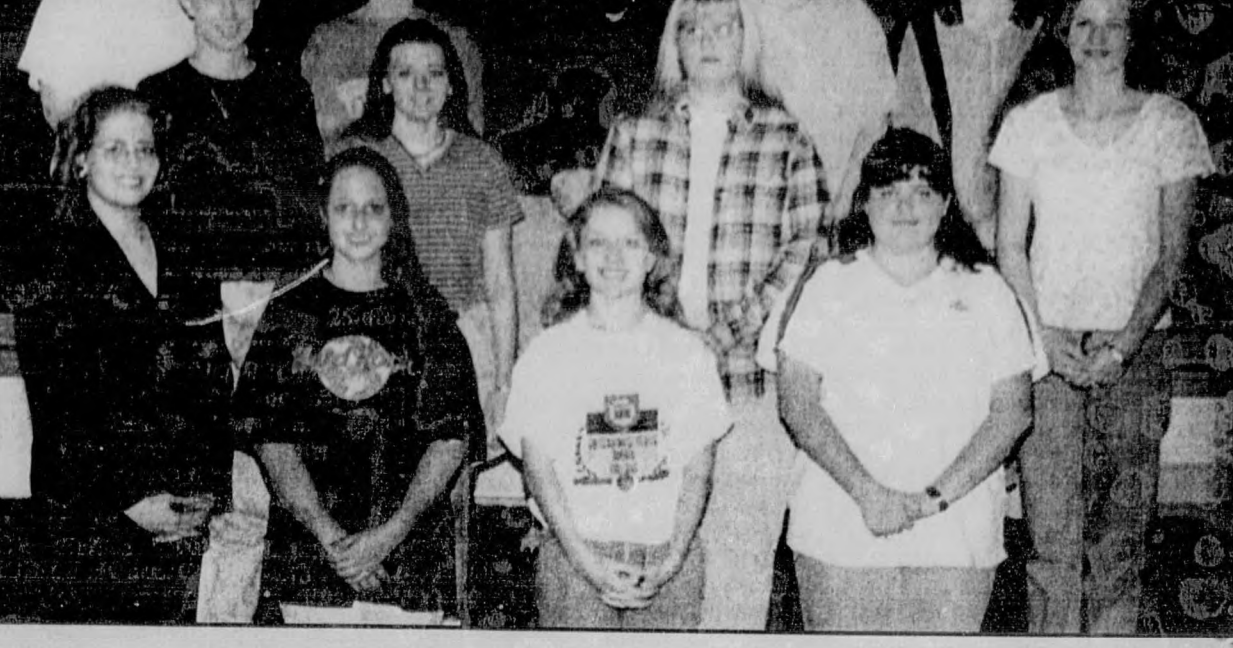
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The precedent for having each business class represented by a vice president is the method used by the state for selecting students for a president and a secretary are elected state-wide. A vice president is chosen from each of the six districts.

Zion Chapel's officers are President Laura Williams, Keyboarding Vice President Mikonda Jones, Annual Staff Vice President Ashley Nelson, Business Principles Vice President Beth Leverett, Fourth Period Co-Op Vice President Shasta Simmons, Fifth Period Co-Op Vice President Tasha Cooper, Computer Programming Vice President Tina Johnson, Recording Secretary SaLena Shuman, Corresponding Secretary Amy Eddins, Treasurer Suzanna Stinson, Reporter Amanda Sanders, Parliamentarian Teresa Hall, and Historian Heather Arnold. Mrs. Rachel Bryan is the sponsor of Zion Chapel's Chapter of FBLA. Mrs. Anita Grant, the new instructor of Community Co-Op is an additional sponsor for the Chapter.



Pictured above (l-r) are: front row - Laura Williams, Mikonda Jones, Ashley Nelson, and Beth Leverett; middle row - Shasta Simmons, Tasha Cooper, Tina Johnson, and SaLena Shuman; back row - Amy Eddins, Suzanna Stinson, Amanda Sanders, Teresa Hall, and Heather Arnold.

## Coffee County Schools Menu

Oct. 6 - 10, 1997

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Pancakes, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Fried Chicken, Taco Salad, Green Beans, W.K. Corn, Rice, Rolls, Milk
Tuesday - Biscuits, Sausage & Gravy, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Burrito or Baked Ham, Lite Potato Salad, Broccoli Spears, Fruit, Banana Pudding, Milk, Rolls
Wednesday - Donut, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Steak Sandwich or Corn Dog, Cole Slaw, Canned Fruit, French Fries, Choc. Cake, Milk
Thursday - Cheese Toast, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce or Turkey Sandwich, Veggie w/Peas, English Peas, Fruit, Garlic Bread, Milk
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Views from...

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Reports cards came out last week at the Elba Elementary School, and our worst fears turned out to be unfounded, as Melanie brought home another good report and even made good in conduct. It seems like the first six weeks of every school year are a little scary because it takes us a while to get in a daily routine, but she got started off pretty good in the third grade. Now we have three more weeks before big sister gets her nine weeks report. Oh well, at least it's not me bringing home the grades to my parents!

## ELBA TIGERS SEE RECORD FALL TO 0-4

It was the same 'ole story, just a new chapter last week for the Elba Tigers, as they lost for the fourth straight week and saw their record for the season dip to 0-4. Not many Elba fans, even the most devout, thought the Tigers would defeat this year's powerful Opp Bobcats squad. However, not many thought the Tigers would get dominated like they did and come out on the short-end of a 32-6 score. The big loss to Opp simply put an exclamation mark on the Tigers' 0-4 start!

The Elba offense had one good drive in the first half and scored a touchdown on a long pass from Derek Marler to Derrick Duncan, but was non-existent in the second half and managed a total of only minus 16 yards in the final two quarters of play. The Tigers have improved their passing attack and can now stretch the opposing defenses; however, until Elba can come up with something that even resembles a running game, it will continue to struggle on the offensive side of the ball. Friday night's leading rusher was part-time fullback Wesley Johnson with 21 yards on two carries, and his total yardage was the same as the total output for the night for the entire Tiger running game. I don't have the answers for the obvious problems facing the Tigers, but Elba did spend many long hours in pre-season drills putting in a new offense and working on the running game, and that offense was junked after just one week of the season. I'm not advocating a return to the original plan; however, a mixture of the two certainly couldn't hurt an attack that has become something less than effective.

Opp's rugged offensive attack rolled up over 400 yards against the Elba defense, and for the second straight week the Tigers' defensive unit took more shots than a one-armed boxer. The Elba defense never backed down and stood toe-to-toe with the big Opp line throughout the night, but were down as the game progressed and it was obvious during Opp's ten-minute drive late in the game that the Tigers were simply too tired and weary to stop the Bobcat runners. The cure for the defense? There is none, because Coach Sikes and his staff have their best folks on that side of the football and are getting just about everything the players have to offer. A minor change here or there might help in some areas, but it will probably hurt in other areas. So, you have six of one and half a dozen of another.

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## WINNING WEEK FOR TEAMS IN AREA

The fourth week of the high school football season was a good one for most of the area teams as every team except Kinston chalked up an impressive win. Here's a quick look back at what went on...

\*\*\*NEW BROCKTON (3-1) claimed a big win over Georgiana 30-18 and made a lot of its fans believe that this could very well be the year the Gamecocks make it back to the state playoffs. The Gamecocks are still young and inexperienced in spots, but they have a lot of very skilled players and enough quickness to catch a hiccup. Forget the people that say Coach Thrasher is just a basketball coach that also coaches football. He can flat out coach in both sports!

\*\*\*KINSTON (0-4) fell to Samson 27-6, but gave the undefeated Tigers a real run for their money before running out of gas in the second half. The Bulldogs have played every team on their schedule even for two quarters, only to get tied in the final two quarters and lose late in all four games. It won't get any easier for the Bulldogs as the season progresses unless someone moves into town with a truck-load of boys. However, the Bulldogs know they can play with any team on their schedule, and before long they'll win one just to prove it.

\*\*\*ZION CHAPEL (2-2) woke up in the second half and took care of Clayton 34-15 in a game that should have proven to the Rebels just how good they can be when they want to play hard and give it everything they've got. When the Rebels eased up, Clayton made a run. Yet, when the Rebels got after folks, they easily took care of the game. Don't let anyone tell ya that Zion Chapel doesn't have some very good football players. They do, and they are proving it on the field.

\*\*\*BRANTLEY (3-1) finally came to life on offense and steamrolled past McKenzie 35-16 in a game that wasn't even as close as the lopsided score might indicate. The Bulldogs' offense was at full-speed throughout the opening three quarters, and the offense helped keep the McKenzie offense off the field. Sometimes the best way to stop a high-powered offense is to keep the ball away from it, and that was the case Friday night as Brantley rolled to a very big win. Look out, these 'Dogs might just be growing teeth.

## WEEK 4 DID HAVE A FEW SURPRISES

The high school football season reached week #4 last week, and it is always the case, there were a few surprises in just about every class. Here's a look back at the week that was...

\*\*\*CLASS 6A - Dothan and Northview took the first step toward a playoff berth with big area wins. The Tigers made it easy in a 29-7 win over arch-rival Enterprise, while Northview woke up late to down pesky Carroll, 24-7. In other games of interest, Robert E. Lee got ambushed in Cranston Bowl 36-0 by Central, of Phenix City, and Jeff Davis came back to life and whipped cross-town rival Lanier 42-6.

\*\*\*CLASS 5A - Andalusia finally got in the win column with a narrow 12-6 decision over lowly Hillcrest, of Evergreen, while Charles Henderson spanked Booker T. Washington 20-6 and Eufula remained undefeated with a 14-3 win over Auburn. In other games of interest, Greenville had a surprisingly tough fight before downing winless Pike County 20-6, and Monroe County fell to 0-4 with a big 41-13 loss to T.R. Miller.

\*\*\*CLASS 4A - Ashford improved its record to 4-0 with a 7-0 win over Rehoboth, and after four games the Yellowjackets have given up a total of only two points. Dale County upped its scoring average to over 43 points a game with a 51-20 win over Geneva County, while Daleville almost pulled off a shocker before falling to Clay County 16-13, and Geneva tasted defeat for the first time at the hands of Cottonwood 33-10.

\*\*\*CLASS 3A - Headland got its second straight win with an impressive 34-24 win over Wicksburg, while Rehoboth saw its record slip to 1-3 with a 7-0 setback to Ashford. UMS-Wright, a team that Elba fans will remember, moved its slate to 3-1 with a 6-0 win over Alba.

\*\*\*CLASS 2A - Clay County won its 48th straight game, but had to fight until the final horn to get past Daleville 16-13, while Excel claimed its fourth straight blowout win in a 43-14 win over previously unbeaten Maragon and has now outscored its first four victims by a combined score of 170-28. Goshen remained undefeated with a 34-12 win over Straughn, and Laverne got its first shutout of the season by blanking Slocomb 27-0.

\*\*\*CLASS 1A - Top-ranked Maplesville got destroyed by Billingsley 40-0, while Frisco City remained undefeated and unchallenged with a 55-22 romp past Florida. Houston Academy continued to be a major disappointment by losing to G.W. Long 28-6, and Arton got bumped off by much-improved Red Level 18-0.

## ONCE OVER LIGHTLY...

\*\*\*A player on the Ashford High School football team was arrested two weeks ago for allegedly selling crack cocaine to an under-cover agent during a yearlong sting operation. The fact that the arrest was made wasn't really all that news worthy; however, the fact that he was arrested while getting ready to warm up before the game against Andalusia did make it seem like someone wanted to grab some headlines. The law enforcement officers stated he was the first name on the list and they knew he would be at the game, thus the arrest was made at the game. Why not make the arrest after school that same day, or make it sometime prior to his arrival to the field in preparation for the game? I'm not going to defend anyone that sells drugs, but the timing of the arrest should really be questioned. By the way, the charges were dropped three days later, after the player's picture had already been on the front page of a local daily newspaper.

\*\*\*Just in case you weren't sure, you fans that were yelling at the coach-

es at last week's junior high game between Elba and Opp were indeed heard on the sidelines. I too was frustrated at the way Elba was being pounded by Opp; however, as someone that coaches, I can assure you that every coach on the field knew what was going on and was racking his brain trying to solve the problem. I know yelling makes some people feel better, and will agree that if you buy a ticket you certainly have the right to yell. But, when you have a son on the sidelines, maybe you should at least stop and think how your voice echoing around the stadium makes him feel.

\*\*\*High school volleyball has been in the news this year, and while the Elba Lady Tigers are beginning to make strides toward becoming a winning team, the girls down in Kinston are setting the stage for a run at their first state championship. Kinston has come close a number of times and knows what it takes to win, and maybe this will be the year the Lady Bulldogs finally take that last, long step and get the crown. Only time will tell!

\*\*\*If you ever find yourself with nothing to do on a Saturday afternoon, why not come out and watch the youngsters play football and cheer for Elba in the Tri-County Football League. The Elba squads are the biggest in years, and all three teams have winning records at the midway point in the season. These kids really have fun and play hard, and it is fun to watch. C'mon down.

\*\*\*The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has expanded its programs offered to the public, and now offers aerobics and karate at the new Recreation Center on Claxton Avenue. The department has been youth-oriented for many years, but now that the department has a place to call home, it has already begun to expand its programs and has started to reach out for the adults in the community. Look for adult programs in the months to come.

## POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PRIMED FOR PICKS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office late Sunday afternoon and stated that he was now beginning to get a feel for the season. The local guesstimate had his best week of the season last week and hit on 46 of 51 picks, to move his yearly totals to 129-25, which I'll have to admit ain't too shabby. Here are this week's picks...

## ELBA VS. HEADLAND

The Elba Tigers will try to put an end to this season's victory drought Friday night when they head over to Headland to battle the high-powered Headland Rams. The Rams scored as many points last week as the Tigers have all season, and will have to be considered the favorite, but the guess here is that Elba will have something to prove when they get to Headland and will get that elusive first win of the season.

## ELBA 20 HEADLAND 16

## NEW BROCKTON VS. RED LEVEL

The last time the Gamecocks had a big win at home they hit the road and got upset. Well, the Gamecocks got another big win last week as the Tigers went back to the road. I'm sure the Gamecocks learned their lesson back in Skipperville, and will enjoy the long drive back home this time around.

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## SPORTS

## Improve record to 6-8 with win streak

## Lady Tigers burning the nets in volleyball

The Elba Lady Tiger volleyball team has rallied from a disastrous 0-7 start to a six of six record in its last six matches, and the process has improved its record for the young season to 6-8.

"We've gained some confidence in the last couple of matches," said Coach Susan Barnes, "and it was great to get wins over our area opponents. We'll have to face them again in the regular season and the year, with Melissa Gramham getting 5 service points in the first game, while Shannon Lott had 5 in the second.

The Lady Tigers pushed their record to 4-7 with a 15-7, 13-15, 15-9 win over Headland. Amber Frederick and Kerry Kelley both got 4 service points in the opening game, and to get the wins early in the season should help us the next time we meet."

The Lady Tigers opened the season against the Samson Lady Tigers and fell 12-15, 11-15. Shannon Lott had 6 service points in the opening game, while Amber Frederick and Kerry Kelley had 4 apiece in the second.

The Lady Tigers saw their record slip to 0-2 with a 14-16, 15-10, 6-15 setback to the Goshen Lady Eagles. Melissa Gramham and Amber Frederick both had 5 service points in the opener, while Vaughan Boyd had 4 service points in the second game and added 3 in the third.

The Lady Tigers' record dipped to 0-3 with an 8-15, 16-14, 9-15 loss to the Goshen Lady Eagles. Amber Frederick had 3 service points in the opening game, while Vaughan Boyd had 6 service points in the second game and Shannon Lott had 3 in the third.

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The Lady Tigers' record fell to 0-5 with a 5-15, 2-15 setback to Laurel Hill. Kerry Kelley had 3 service points in the opening game, while Kendra Vaughan had 2 in the second.

The Lady Tigers watched as their record fell to 0-6 with a 3-15, 6-15 loss to St. James. Kerry Kelley had 3 service points in the second game.

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The Lady Tigers got to the win column and moved their record to 1-7 with a 15-8, 15-9 win over the Rehoboth Lady Rebels. Amber Frederick recorded 5 service points in the opening game, while Kerry Kelley got 5 in the second.

The Lady Tigers jumped out to an early 8-0 lead behind the running of L-Ray Williams before falling to Straughn 12-8.

The Lady Tigers improved to 2-0 with a 15-2, 16-4 win over Enterprise Junior. Melissa Mularz recorded 8 service points in the first game, and Samantha Williams got 7 in the second.

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## ZION CHAPEL VS. LYMAN WARD

The Zion Chapel Rebels claimed their second win of the young season last week and Friday night will make the long trip to Lyman Ward seeking to push their record above the .500 mark. It's never easy to win on the road, no matter who you play, and the Rebels will have a real fight on their hands as they go for win #3.

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## KINSTON VS. G.W. LONG

The Kinston Bulldogs would possibly be 4-0 if the games were all two quarters long; however, the games have four quarters, and the Bulldogs' gas tank just doesn't hold enough fuel to last throughout the game. Kinston is going to shock someone before long, but not this week, and not this Long. G.W. LONG 21 KINSTON 7

## BRANTLEY VS. LUVERNE

The Brantley Bulldogs get excited at just the mention of the word Luverne, and this week that is all they have heard from their coaches, classmates and fans. While the Bulldogs will be chomping at the bits to get at the Tigers, Luverne may simply be a little too good again this season. LUVERNE 27 BRANTLEY 8

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New Brockton's Lee Flowers (33) heads down the sidelines for a big gain in the Gamecocks' 30-18 win over the Georgiana Panthers. Flowers gained 121 yards in the win over the 2A, Area rival Panthers.

## Area football teams hit the road in week #5 high school action

The high school football teams in the area will all put on their walking shoes this week as all four teams hit the road for non-area battles.

Following are previews of this week's schedule:

### Zion Chapel at Lyman Ward

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to improve on their 2-2 record Friday night when they hit the road to meet the 1-3 Lyman Ward Rangers.

The Rebels bounced back from back-to-back shutouts last week to rip Clayton 34-15, and in the process evened their record at 2-2 under Coach Randy Grant. The Rebels used the running of Durane Flowers and Junior Jones to light up the scoreboard, and took advantage of their quick and aggressive defense to come up with key turnovers.

Lyman Ward will bring a 1-3 record into this week's clash, with the losses coming to American Christian 54-20, Thorsby 41-20 and Ragland 56-20, while its win came last week over Fayetteville 26-0. The Rebels will be favorites in this week's game, however, the Rangers will be at home, and it could be closer than many think.

### Kinston at G.W. Long

A game that looks like a mismatch on paper will take place Friday night in Skipperville when the 0-4 Kinston Bulldogs hit the field to battle the 4-0 G.W. Long Rebels. The Bulldogs have played tough in all their games this season and have hung with their opponents for at least two quarters, before tiring out late in all four losses.

G.W. Long will bring a perfect record into this week's clash with wins over Clayton 54-0, New Brockton 21-18, Zion Chapel 28-0 and Houston Academy 28-7. The Rebels think this is their year to shine, and will try to polish up their act against the winless 'Dogs.

While this is a true mismatch on paper, Kinston has yet to back down from any opponent, and could provide the Rebels with a real test.

### New Brockton at Red Level

The 3-1 New Brockton Gamecocks will hit the road Friday night when they travel to Crenshaw County to tangle with the dangerous 2-2 Red Level Tigers.

The Gamecocks upped their record to 3-1 last week with an impressive 30-18 win over Georgiana, and has two of the state's top 2A

backs in Lee Flowers and Jerry Haynes, and one of the state's quickest defensive units.

Red Level ended a yearlong victory drought earlier this season and will enter the game at 2-2 after wins over Kinston 9-6 and Arlton 18-0, and losses to Brantley 7-6 and Highland Home 32-0.

New Brockton was coming off a big win the last time it hit the road and came home with a loss, and the story is very similar this week after last week's big area win over Georgiana. Red Level is a lot better than many think, and the Gamecocks will have to play their best to escape the Tigers' trap.

### Brantley at Luverne

The "Battle of Highway 331" will take place Friday night in Luverne when the 3-1 Brantley Bulldogs hit

the road to battle the 3-1 Luverne Tigers in the renewal of one of the state's oldest high school football rivalries.

The Bulldogs came to life on offense last week in posting a 35-16 win over area foe McKenzie, and it was a pleasant surprise after scoring only 37 points in the opening three games.

Luverne will enter this year's clash with wins over 3A Elba 21-7, 5A Charles Henderson 28-14 and 2A Slocumb 27-0, while its only loss was a season-opening setback to 5A Opp 21-7. The Tigers are loaded with talent and ranked fourth in the state, which shows that they are just as good as ever.

This one might not look like a toss-up on paper; however, when these two get together, watch out!



Kinston's Jeremy Osborn (30) heads outside in Friday night's 27-6 setback to the Samson Tigers.

## Samson dumps 'Dogs 27-6

Statistics By Brad Matthews

The Kinston Bulldogs saw their early-season losing streak continue Friday night as they were defeated by the Samson Tigers 27-6, in Kinston.

The loss left the Bulldogs with an 0-4 record, while Samson improved to 4-0 with the win.

Samson grabbed an early 7-0 lead in the opening stanza and appeared ready to roll to a lopsided win; however, the Bulldogs weren't about to roll over on their homefield and bat-

tered back to cut the Tiger lead to 7-6 on a touchdown run by Jeremy Osborn.

Kinston battled the highly-rated Tigers on even terms for the remainder of the stanza and trailed only 7-6 at intermission, only to see the Tigers break two long touchdowns on a 70-yard punt return and an 82-yard kickoff return as they scored twenty unanswered points in the second half and claimed the 27-6 win.

Jeremy Osborn gained 125 yards on 23 carries to lead the Kinston offense, while Chancy Lashley added 46 yards on 11 totes and Bishop Edwards hit on 5 of 16 passes for 42 yards.

Randy Franklin gained 82 yards on 9 carries to lead Samson. Chancy Lashley made 9 tackles to lead the Bulldog defense, while other defensive standouts included Ricky Morris (7), Jeremy Osborn (5 and 1 fumble), Jim Mock (4) and Paul Seay (4).

The Tigers lost a fumble at the Elba 38-yardline on their next possession, and two plays later Opp was back in the endzone. The touchdown came on a 20-yard run by Trey Bailey, and Burgess passed to Jones for the two-point conversion, as the Opp lead went to 20-0 with 1:00 still left in the opening stanza.

Opp began its non-series at the Elba 22-yardline following a fumble-filled possession by the Tigers, and the Bobcats scored on their very first snap as Reggie Thompson broke loose and raced into the endzone. Bailey broke loose for 36 yards on the very next play to put the Tigers on the scoreboard. Waters ran lead to 28-0 with 6:13 left in the second quarter.



Kinston's Bishop Edwards (5) cuts inside a Samson defender for a big gain during Friday night action.

## Gamecocks stun Panthers 30-18

Statistics By Andre Medley

The New Brockton Gamecocks gave a large homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about Friday night as they knocked off the Georgiana Panthers 30-18, at Gamecock Stadium.

The win improved New Brockton's record to 3-1, 1-0 in area play, while Georgiana saw its slate drop to 2-2, 0-1 in area competition.

New Brockton received the opening kickoff and wasted little time marching down the field to grab an early lead!

The Gamecocks' Lee Flowers gained 39 yards on six carries during the scoring drive, and got the touchdown on a 5-yard dash. Flowers also ran over for the two-point conversion, and with 8:14 still left in the first quarter the Gamecocks were on top 8-0.

Georgiana moved to a pair of first downs on its ensuing possession, but the Gamecocks' defense came up with a big play of its own as LaRoyce Haynes scooped up a panther fumble and raced 50 yards for a New Brockton touchdown!

Lee Flowers ran in the two-point try, giving the Gamecocks a stunning 16-0 advantage with 5:29 remaining in the opening stanza.

A 50-yard run by Georgiana's Corey Still sparked a Panther drive on the ensuing series; however, the Gamecock defense again rose to the challenge and this time turned back the Panthers with a fumble recovery at the New Brockton one-yardline.

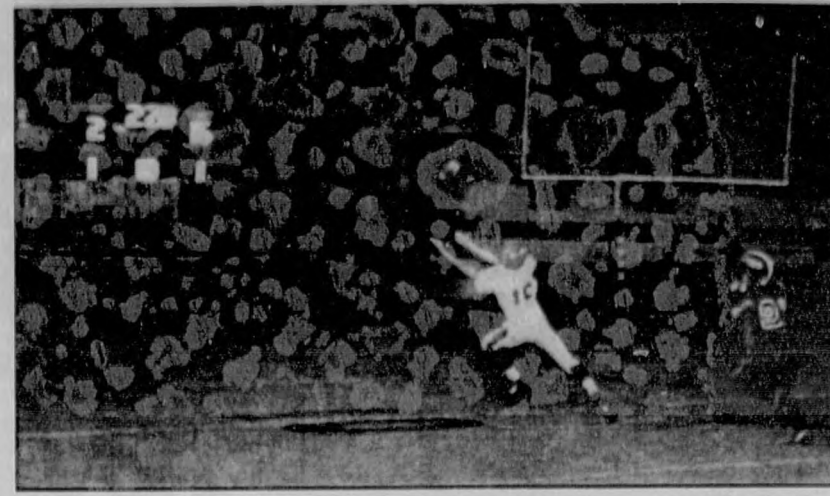
A fumble one play later resulted in a safety that cut the Gamecock lead to 16-2 with 2:39 remaining in the stanza and put the Panthers on the scoreboard.

New Brockton got the ball back at its own 25-yardline on a Georgiana punt and once again began a march toward the Panther goal.

A fake punt by Jerry Haynes resulted in a 30-yard gain that kept the drive alive early, while a 31-yard scamper by LaRoyce Haynes moved Brockton within the shadows of the goalpost.

The Gamecocks moved within inches of the endzone, but this time came away empty-handed as they lost a fumble inside the one-yardline.

Georgiana caught the Gamecocks thinking about the touchdown that had been scored, and struck for a score of its own on the very first play following the turnover, as Corey Still lofted a pass to Paul Gandy that turned into a 99-yard



A Georgiana pass receiver reaches in vain for a pass during last week's 30-18 loss to New Brockton.

touchdown pass. The Panthers added the two-point conversion, and with 9:18 left in the half New Brockton's lead had been snatched to 16-10.

The sudden score brought the Gamecocks back to reality, and New Brockton responded with a six play, 70-yard drive that once again gave the Gamecocks a two touchdown advantage!

A 31-yard scamper by Lee Flowers was a key play in the drive, while the score came when Kellen Cole tossed a 25-yard touchdown pass to Flowers. Cole passed to LaRoyce Haynes for the two-point conversion, and with 6:00 left in the half the Gamecocks' lead was up to 24-10.

New Brockton had a chance to add to its lead late in the half following a pass interception by Jerry Haynes, but two quarterback sacks slowed the march, and the half ended with the Gamecocks on top of the Panthers 24-10.

Georgiana came out determined to get back in the hunt in the second half and promptly marched 65 yards in 10 plays to score its second touchdown of the night.

The scoring drive came behind the running of Corey Still, LaKeith Pennington and Wilbert Gandy, and it was Gandy that got the score on a 5-yard run. Pennington passed to Wesley Nichols for the two-point conversion, and with 6:30 left in the third quarter New Brockton's lead had been cut to 24-18.

The Gamecocks' offense continued to move almost at will on its next series and moved downfield quickly as Lee Flowers gained 32

yards and Jerry Haynes added a 25-yard dash.

A pass interception killed the scoring threat for New Brockton, however, and the Gamecocks missed out on another scoring opportunity on their next series when they lost a fumble at the Georgiana 20-yardline.

The New Brockton defense came up with yet another big play when Rob Brubham pounced on a Panther fumble one play later at the Georgiana 15-yardline, and this time the Gamecock offense cashed in on the scoring chance, with Kellen Cole getting the score on an 11-yard run. The two-point try failed, but with 10:00 left in the game New Brockton's lead was back up to 30-18.

Georgiana threatened to get back on the scoreboard late in the game, but Jerry Haynes made his second interception of the night at the New Brockton 15-yardline, and the Gamecocks simply ran out the clock to claim the impressive, and important, 30-18 win.

Lee Flowers gained 121 yards on 14 carries and caught two passes for 35 yards to lead New Brockton, while Jerry Haynes added 73 yards on 9 carries and also intercepted two passes.

STATISTICS			
NB	1st Downs	G	
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252	Rushing Yds.	147	
59	Passing Yds.	127	
311	Total Yds.	274	
4-9-1	Passes	3-8-2	
2	Fumbles Lost	3	

## Elba Junior Tigers crushed by Opp 42-14

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Junior High Tigers felt behind early and never threatened last Thursday night as they were clobbered by the Opp Junior Bobcats 42-14, in Opp.

The Tigers received the opening kickoff, but had a pass intercepted on the very first play of the game, and Opp promptly marched 33 yards in only two plays to get on the scoreboard.

Cornelius Stoudemire got the score on a 17-yard run, and although the two-point conversion failed, the Bobcats were on their way with a 6-0 lead with 7:09 left in the first quarter.

Opp's next series again began at the Elba 38-yardline, and this time it took the Bobcats six plays to score, with the touchdown coming on a fourth down and six, when Alan Burgess tossed a 16-yard scoring pass to Levi Jones. The two-point try failed, but with 1:50 left in the first quarter Opp was already ahead 12-0.

The Tigers lost a fumble at the Elba 38-yardline on their next possession, and two plays later Opp was back in the endzone. The touchdown came on a 20-yard run by Trey Bailey, and Burgess passed to Jones for the two-point conversion, as the Opp lead went to 20-0 with 1:00 still left in the opening stanza.

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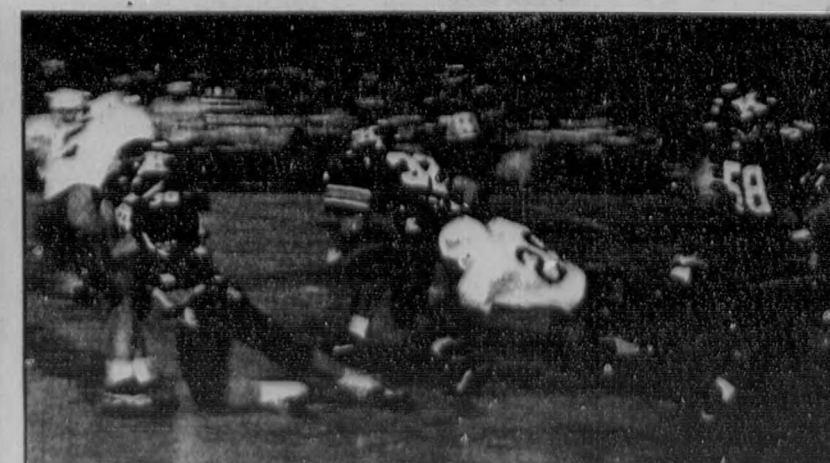
Elba Junior High quarterback Brandon Salter (14) rolls out in action last week against Opp Junior High.

Elba's John Waters ramled 49 yards on the Tigers ensuing possession, as the Tiger offense crossed midfield. However, the drive stalled as two quarterback sacks resulted in losses of 12 yards, and at the half the Tigers were in the dressing room trailing 28-0.

Opp received the second half kickoff and marched 67 yards in six plays to get back into the endzone. Trey Bailey gained 64 yards during the march, and got the score on a 31-yard scamper. Alan Burgess passed to Levi Jones for the two-point conversion, and with 4:12 left in the third quarter Opp's lead had ballooned to 36-0.

The Elba offense wasted little time scoring some points of its own on its ensuing series, as John Waters gained 77 yards on 8 totes. Trey Bailey led Opp with 100 yards on 7 carries.

The Elba defense was led by Gary Williams with 5 tackles, while Julius Smith and Jason Curran both made 4 stops.



Kinston's Chancy Lashley (32) fights for yardage in last week's battle against the unbeaten Samson Tigers.

## Rebels tame Tigers 34-15

By Cole Shiver, Sports Writer

The Zion Chapel Rebels hosted the Clayton Tigers Friday night at Green Memorial Stadium, and as the



A Zion Chapel cheerleader enjoys the big win over Clayton despite the rainy weather.

rain fell, so did the hopes of the Tigers, as the Rebels took command in the second half and rolled to a 34-15 win.

The win improved the Rebels' record to 2-2, while Clayton fell to 0-4 with the loss.

Zion Chapel received the opening kickoff and moved the chains for a quick first down, only to have problems holding on to the slick football, and punted the ball over to the Tigers.

Clayton marched to the ZC 8-yardline behind the running of Frederick Brascum and appeared ready to grab the lead, only to see the Rebel defense stiffen, and then block a 25-yard field-goal attempt to turn back the early scoring threat.

Zion Chapel continued to have trouble holding on to the ball on its ensuing series, and this time Clayton took advantage of the Rebel woes, as the Tigers scooped up the fumble and raced 15 yards into the endzone. The extra-point was true, and with 1:21 left in the opening quarter Clayton was on top 7-0.

After both teams went three and out on their next possessions, the Rebels put the ball in play at their own 43-yardline.

Junior Jones and Durane Flowers began with a pick apart the Tiger defense with nifty running, and Jones had the key play in the drive with a 24-yard dash down to the Clayton 6-yardline. Jones then walked in for the Zion Chapel touchdown, but the extra-point try failed, and the Rebels were still behind 7-6 to the winless Tigers.



Zion Chapel's Durane Flowers (9) hunts for running room in the Rebels big 34-15 win over the Clayton Tigers.

## Brantley mauls McKenzie 35-16

By Greg Brunson, Sports Writer

The Brantley Bulldogs combined a dominant defense with a high-powered offense Friday night to defeat the McKenzie Tigers 35-16, in McKenzie.

The Bulldogs wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as they marched 57 yards in only six plays on their first possession of the night. Bo Daniels avoided a tackle in the backfield and went 26 yards around the right end for the touchdown, and Gregory Daniels added the extra-point to give Brantley a 7-0 lead with 9:07 left in the opening stanza.

Brantley's next possession resulted in a 10-play drive that ended when Jason Brazell recovered a fumbled pitch-out deep in Tiger territory.

Three plays netted only two yards for McKenzie, forcing a 33-yard punt by Curt Mobley.

The Bulldogs put the ball in play at their own 39-yardline, and on the very first play Bo Daniels took the ball on a pitch-sweep around the

right end and raced 61 yards for his second touchdown of the quarter. Gregory Daniels booted the extra-point, and with 3:39 left in the first quarter Brantley was on top 14-0.

Another three and out by the Brantley defense set the Bulldogs up at their own 39-yardline. On second down and 13, Darrell Owens kept the ball around the right end on an option play and raced 51 yards before being tackled at the McKenzie 13-yardline.

Deon Jones went straight up the middle for 13 yards and a touchdown on the next play, and a bad snap on the extra-point resulted in a two-point pass from Gregory Daniels to Tyrell Knight, as the Bulldogs increased their lead to 22-0 with 8:56 remaining in the half.

McKenzie put together an 11-play drive late in the half that reached deep into Bulldog territory; however, on a fourth down and two from the 3-yardline, Alan Compston broke through to sack Reggie McClain for a six-yard loss to kill the threat.



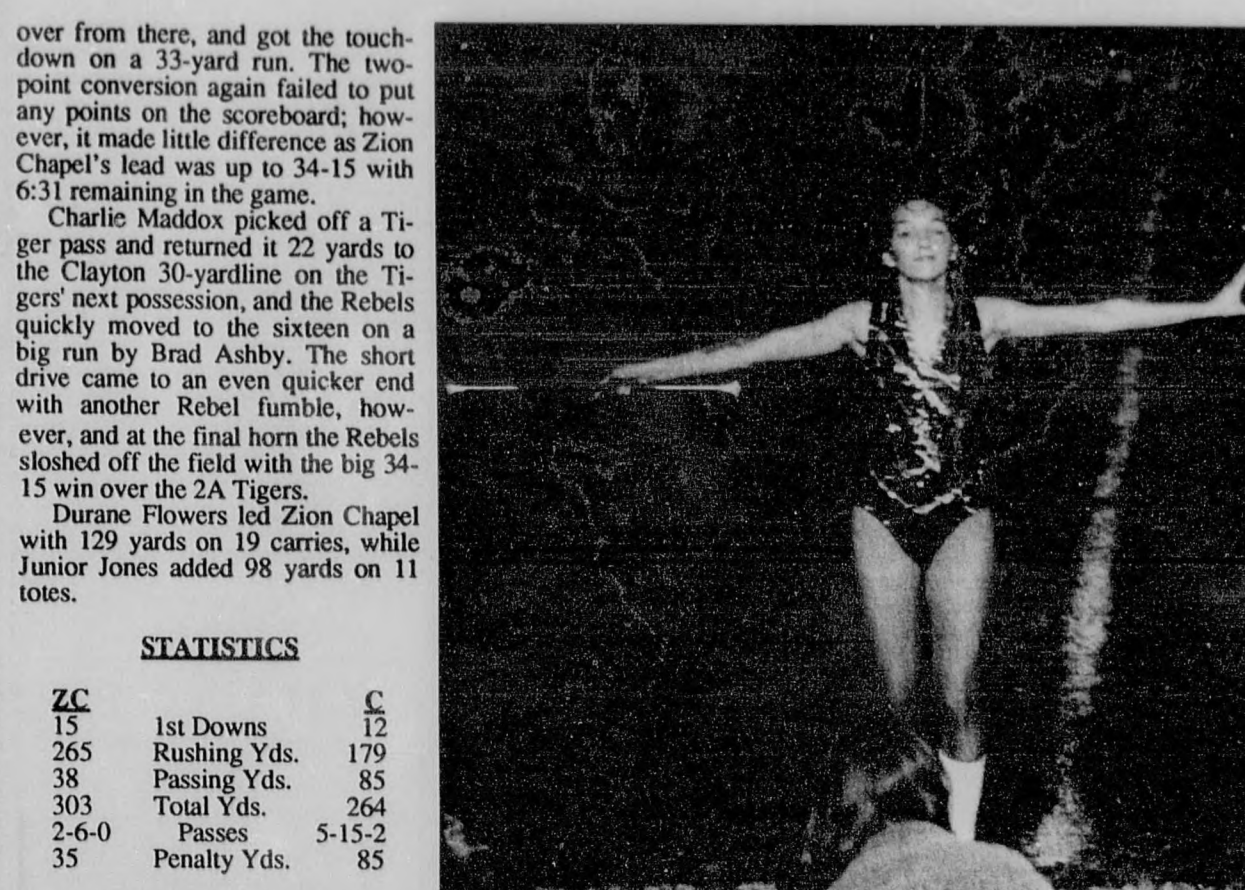
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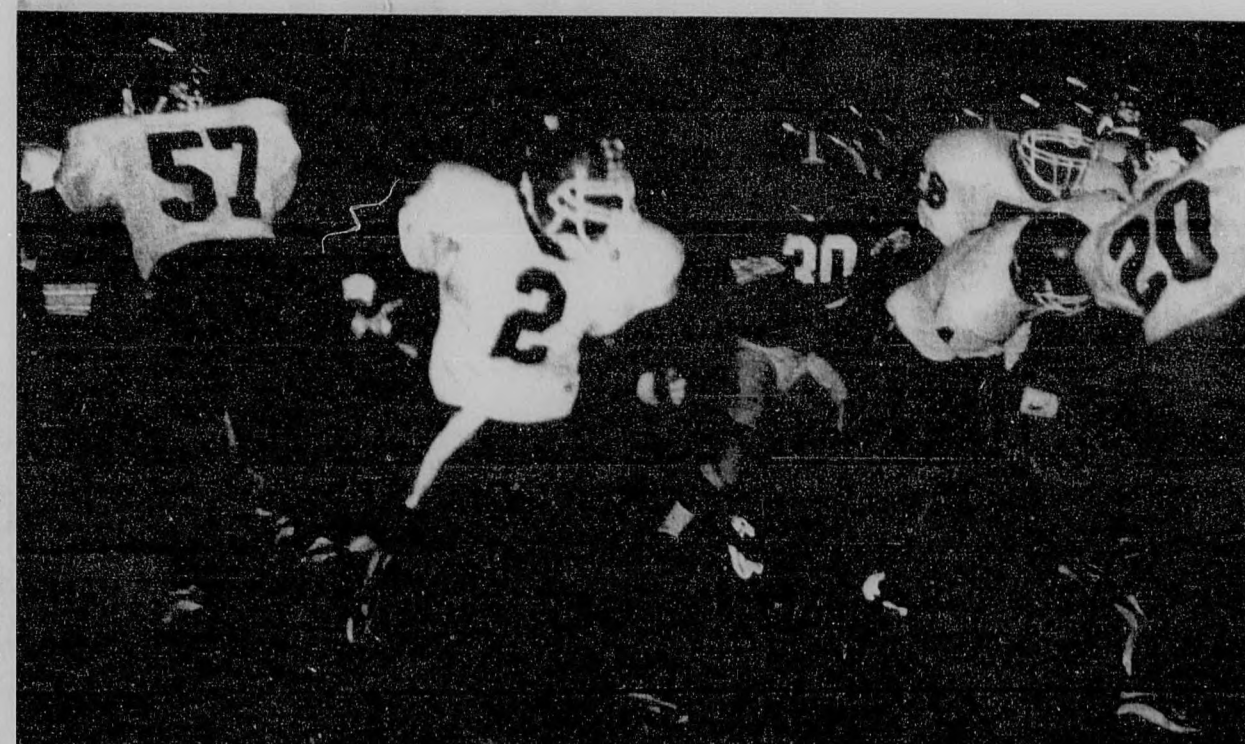
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A Zion Chapel majorette performs at halftime with the award-winning Marching Rebel Band.



Brantley's Bo Daniels (2) is off and running in the Bulldogs' 35-16 romp past the McKenzie Tigers. Daniels gained 216 yards in the key area win over the Tigers, and will lead the Bulldogs this week when they travel to Luverne in a cross-county battle.

<u>STATISTICS</u>			
B		M	
13	1st Downs	70	
47-414	Rushes-Yds.	38-202	
5	Passing Yds.	48	
419	Total Offense	250	
1-2-0	Passes	3-8-0	
40	Return Yds.	94	
3	Fumbles Lost	1	
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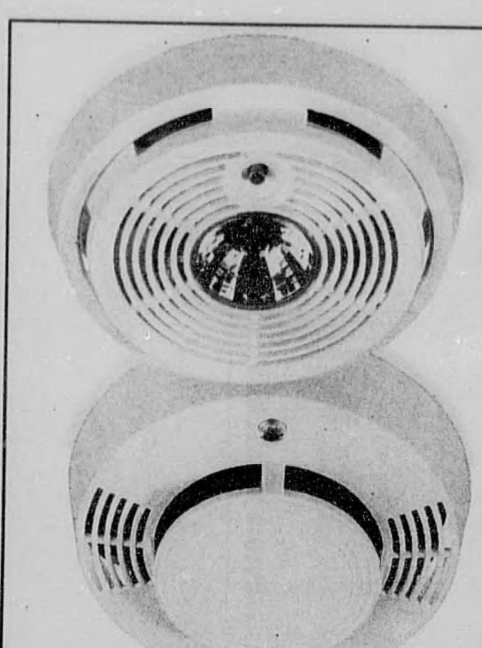
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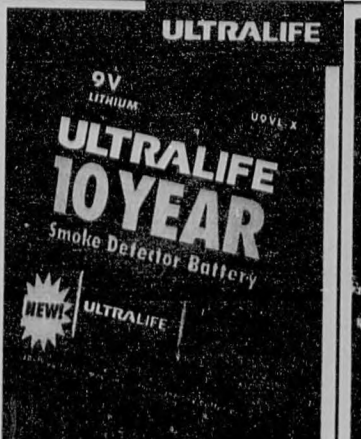
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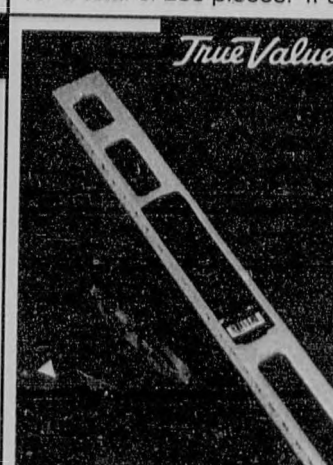
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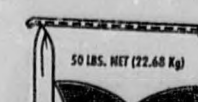
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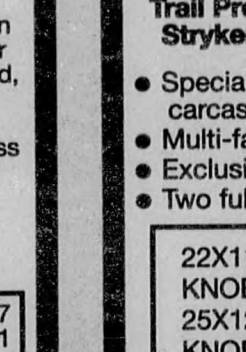
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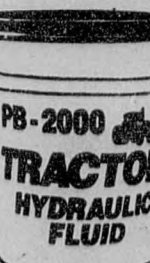
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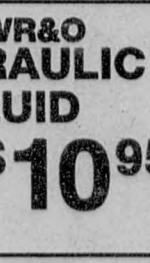
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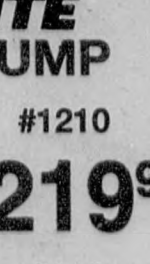
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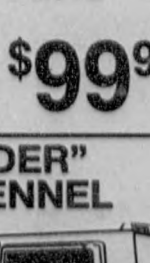
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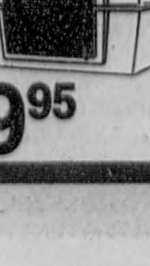
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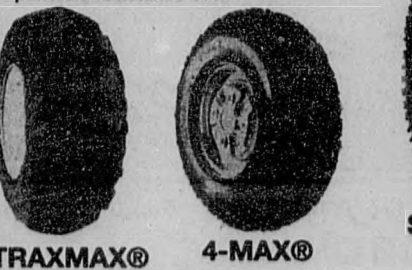
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## Elba city officials are considering major sewer system rehabilitation project

The City of Elba is involved in an on-going study of plans to rehabilitate the existing sewer system. Included with this rehab is extension of service to at least 120 existing homes which don't have the service at present. The project was started several years ago, in the Haywood administration. The present administration has continued the study.

Application has been made with USDA/Rural Development for a low interest/grant combination to fund the project. Elba only qualifies for a 20% grant, thus most of the proposed \$2.8 million project will be financed with a 40 year loan. The grant would be for \$461,000 and the loan would be in the amount of \$2,279,000, according to engineering estimates.

Elba city officials have continued to study the project and have held a public hearing to get community input. Only about a dozen citizens bothered to attend the meeting. A vote is expected in the near future on continuing the project.

Charles Peters, of Peters Municipal Associates engineering firm, is managing the study and the applications with Rural Development.

City officials have worked closely with Peters and Rural Development to get approval for lower sewer rates than what was originally recommended. That effort was successful, according to Elba Mayor James Grimes.

The present proposed sewer rates for residential users continues to be based on the volume of water used. However, the rates, which haven't changed in many years, will increase to meet the loan repayment schedule.

Data released by Mitchell shows that at present Elba's sewer rates are among the lowest in South Alabama.

Northwest Florida. However the new proposed rates will move the community up with others who have had major sewer projects in the past few years. Elba's rate would be about mid-stream with other South Alabama communities with updated sewer systems. Glaringly out of step with this cost is Troy and Enterprise which have minimums of \$2.50 and \$2.52 respectively.

Areas to be included in the rehab of the major city-wide collection lines are those in the Cordelia Street and Brookdale Subdivision. These lines carry all the sewage to the lagoon. Collection lines on Old Samson Road and Brunson Circle are also included in the project.

New extension areas include U. S. Hwy 84 East, Herman Driggers Drive, Alabama Highway 125, Morrow Avenue, Alabama Highway 189 North, Winston Street, Woodland Drive, Taylor Mill Road and Wayne Garrett Drive.

Adding the 120 new sewer users will not get all Elba residents on the municipal sewage system. Surveys show that during the past 10 to 15 years, the outward growth from the central district leaves approximately 500 homes without sewer service. This pattern is reportedly typical of sprawling rural communities such as Elba.

Many of the areas in town which don't have sewage collection would possibly qualify for 50% CDBG grant funds. One such project failed to get funded this year by only a very few points. City officials expect approval when they refile for funding on this much smaller project early next year.

Engineering studies have shown that the present system is fast reaching capacity, due in a large part to major infiltration/inflow from rain water runoff. Two separate studies have shown that as much as 40% of the 483,000 gallon average daily inflow into the sewer lagoon is from storm runoff.

With this high rate of infiltration, the treatment plant is approaching 85% of its capacity. Without this inflow the plant would be at 48% of

capacity and have plenty of room for future growth.

The study also showed that this system inflow was responsible for 17 untreated waste discharges in 1995 alone. Collapsed lines in the Brookdale Subdivision area were responsible for most of these problems.

This area has been subject to many problems since the system was first installed. The lack of a firm foundation causes the town vitrified clay sewer pipes to take in water and sand at many joints. They ultimately cave in when enough of the "sugar sand" is carried away.

The proposed system will have much longer, steel pipes with joints resting on piers to hopefully prevent such problems in the future.

Engineers explain that this will also help cut maintenance cost. The intrusion of sand into the system shortens the life of pumping station impellers and reduces the efficiency of the entire system.

The proposed project will include a total of 22,500 linear feet of lines and 72 manholes.

A review of the cost summary shows that a large part of the cost in replacing paving in areas where new sewer lines are to be installed. In just the Brookdale area alone, it will cost \$218,520 to reconstruct the road base and an additional \$218,520 to replace the paving.

It would be useless to try such a major repair program without doing the Brookdale portion, as it carries all the city sewage through to the lagoon and it is the source of much of the problems.

After approving payment of the monthly bills totaling \$18,458.47, the council turned to other matters of business. However, before doing so, the mayor noted that the town's coffers would contain just over \$11,000.00 after paying the bills.

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## New Brockton's council meeting brief

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Mayor Britt Lee called the meeting to order and zipped smoothly through the eleven-item agenda.

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